

# FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sumter, South Carolina

September 4, 2018

## **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Parlor)

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for all ages.)

9:30 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship (Sanctuary)

The Chancel Choir will sing *Blest Are They* by David Haas as the offertory anthem.

Our FPC Brass Ensemble will play prelude music and will accompany on hymns.

### **KICK-OFF PICNIC ~ 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Lawn of the West Building**

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.  
Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

### **ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP**

Brian Frerichs, Anne Abbott

### **ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS**

Margaret Ezell

### **ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (September 9-15)**

Margaret Ezell

### **WORSHIP AT HOME**

Gus Blum, Julia Muldrow

### **TELLER**

Ollie James, Kenny Jordan

### **USHER**

Liza Cooper, Ollie James

### **JUNIOR USHER**

Ellie Stutz, Elias Peyton

### **YOUTH LITURGIST**

William Cooper

### **CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE**

Nursery – Markita Gadson, Lameshia Dennis

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Samantha Haxton,  
Matt and Christie Stutz



### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

If you feel connected and are interested in becoming an official part of the First Presbyterian Church Family, this is for you! Join Pastor Nick, Pastor Ashley and other leaders of our church as we learn how to get planted in the faith here at FPC. Class schedules are below. To sign up, please contact Christie Stutz at [cstutz@fpcsumter.org](mailto:cstutz@fpcsumter.org).

September 23, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

September 30, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

October 7, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

October 8, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner with Elders and Family

October 14, 10:30 a.m., Worship (Congregational Welcome)



### **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** **September 23 – October 21** **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

*(Nursery provided at no cost.)*

Dinner from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

*(Provided at no cost.)*

Here at FPC we believe intergenerational ministry to be one of the ways we empower people for "lifelong discipleship." The Bible is filled with examples of faithful communities who journey together through the ups, downs, twists and turns of life. These communities all shared some common practices.

1. They met together regularly
2. They broke bread together
3. They opened up the scriptures and learned together.

That's what Faithful Families is about. All are invited, so invite a friend to join us.

**Classes (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**

### **CHILDREN**

**The I Am Statement of Jesus** (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Education Wing)  
Children will learn the different I AM statements located in John's gospel and how they teach us more about the character of Jesus Christ.

### **ADULTS**

**Cooking Through the Bible** (McLaurin Room)

Teacher: Josie Holler *Limit: 20 people*

Have you ever noticed how many passages in the Bible refer to food? There are feast for celebrations, rituals and traditions. Food was an integral part of life in the Bible and spiritual life. We will take a journey through the Bible looking at stories that express the spiritual significance of food. And for fun we will cook, sample and explore these stories using our taste buds as well! (High School youth are welcome)

**Parenting Children for Lifelong Discipleship** (Fell. Hall)

Teacher: Nick Cheek *Limit: 40 people*

Parenting isn't easy. Therefore, it is healthy for parents to prayerfully discuss the joys and struggles together. Through a compelling blend of real-life stories and interviews with parents, this class drops you into the latest national family research, and into the hearts of parents discussing their own challenges, successes, and ideas that have shaped lasting faith in their own families. Join Pastor Nick and other parents with children of all ages as we learn and grow together. This class is especially formatted for parents with children, teens and young adults.

**Intriguing Figures in the New Testament** (Chapel)

Teacher: Max Goodson *Limit: 50 people*

"Who was Priscilla?" you ask. She was one of the first missionaries mentioned in the Book of Acts. In this class we will focus our lens on characters in the New Testament that may not receive as much stage time as the other well-known figures. We will encounter Peter, Mary and Martha, James (The brother of Jesus), Priscilla, Lazarus, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. What can we learn about these individuals and their relationship to the story? Join us to find out.

*Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the Fellowship Hall.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting .....McLaurin Room

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting .....Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers .....Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" .....Parlor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for all ages)

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship ..... Sanctuary

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**SAVE THE DATE  
Kirkin' o' the Tartans  
September 16, 2018**

All individuals that will be participating in the Kirkin' o' the Tartans processional are asked to meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Session Room on September 16. Please make a special effort to be on time. Please contact Linda Hogon with any questions (803-775-4167, 803-840-7671 or lhogon03@yahoo.com).

**GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scout Troop 2243 is currently accepting girls entering kindergarten through second grade and sixth through twelfth grade. We meet twice a month, starting September 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Robin Thames (803-972-3207) or Jennifer Edwards (803-883-8377) if you have questions or have a daughter interested in joining Girl Scouts.



**CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are in need of two more teachers for our children's Sunday school this year. You will co-teach with a partner once a month. This is an excellent way to pass the faith onto the youngest in our midst. For more information email Pastor Ashley (acheek@fpcsumter.org).

**PRESCHOOL  
PARENTS' CLUB  
FUNDRAISER**



The Parents' Club of FPC Kindergarten and Preschool is taking orders for Krispy Kreme Donuts (\$8.00/dozen) and bags of coffee (\$10.00) from Tuesday, September 11- Friday, September 21. Gift certificates will also be available. Orders will be delivered on Tuesday, September 25. Please call the preschool office at 803-773-9027 to place your order! Thank you for supporting this amazing preschool!



Parents, as we begin a new school year, please be mindful that children need to be supervised on the playground at all times. Our playground is designed for preschool and kindergarten age children. We have a wonderful playground with a special soft play surface. (Please be reminded that high heel shoes will damage the surface.) We need your help in keeping our children safe and our playground looking its best.

**COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED**

We are gathering addresses for our college students. Please contact the church office with your college student's address!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
Calling all singers, ages  
Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Children's Choir will meet immediately after church Sunday, September 16. Rehearsal will be from 11:40-12:10 in the Children's Music Room on the third floor.



**YOUTH BELLS**

Youth bells will meet immediately after church Sunday, September 16. Rehearsal will be from 11:40-12:10 in the Fellowship Hall. Middle and high school students are welcome to join. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Joni at [jonibrown@fpcsumter.org](mailto:jonibrown@fpcsumter.org) or call 803-773-3814.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**



**Home:** Joe Kuhlmann,  
Betsy Lynch, Ernie McDowell,  
Sam Dowdny (Norma Abbott's son-in-law),  
Dick Edmunds (Sam Edmunds' brother)

**St. Jude's Children's Hospital:**  
Elizabeth Williams (Barney W. Williams' daughter)

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Will Fraser on the death of his sister, Mary Fraser Payne, who died August 29.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicole and Robbie Cayton on the birth of a daughter, Raelyn Grace Cayton, born August 23 in South Haven, Mississippi. Proud grandmother is Sherri Redmond.

**FOCUS ON FINANCES  
Two Weeks Beginning August 19 & 26, 2018**

	Received		Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions	\$20,116.	\$ 475,693.	\$488,571.
*Other Sources	<u>\$ 8,664.</u>	<u>\$ 81,430.</u>	<u>\$120,125.</u>
	\$28,780.	\$ 557,123.	\$608,696.

\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.